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Old Guard Loses Ground in NE Poverty Program Elections



VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY TAKES NOTES from Cynthia Johnson of the Teen Mobilization Center prior to dedicating new lights at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center, 5th & K SE, last month. Miss Johnson introduced Vice President Humphrey who in return presented the teen worker with a bracelet inscribed "H. H. H." The new lights permit use of the baseball diamonds at night.

School Site Sought That Wasn't Wanted

THE District school system asked Congress this year for nearly a million dollars for a school building site it didn't want.

The request for \$900,000 for a replacement site at 9th and C NE for the Peabody, Madison and Hayes Schools was submitted even though school officials had already decided not to build there.

Asked about this, Granville Woodson, assistant school superintendent in charge of buildings and grounds, stated that the budget request was a "typographical error."

The "typographical error," however, remained in the budget all through House hearings on District financial requests until it, along with many other items in the school system's capital budget, was voted down by the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, the ultimate location of a replacement for Peabody Elementary School, built in Civil War times, remains in doubt. At one point this spring, residents near the school's present site, 5th and Stanton Park NE, were told that the replacement would be built in that area.

Now, however, Woodson says that he favors a site between 4th and 6th and

D and E NE, using the Carberry School grounds, 5th and D NE, and some additional land.

Because of the small amount of land available in this area, Woodson explained, some variances from building standards would have to occur, including the use of classrooms without windows.

Woodson has not yet submitted his plan to School superintendent Carl Hansen for approval.

Auto, Hydrant Hit it Off Well

JUNE GOT OFF to a wet start on Penna. Ave. SE when early on the morning of the 1st, a car hit a hydrant and turned the street into a river. The occupants stayed inside the vehicle for a half-hour while police, ambulance men, tow truck drivers and the crowd from Julie's stood safely on dry land and kibitzed over what to do. Finally, a fearless tow truck operator appeared on the scene, took off his shoes and socks, rolled up his pants and waded to the assistance of the stranded couple.

Melvin Jackson's Position Boosted; Fair Rule Promised

A FACTION within the Community Improvement Corporation, the agency which runs the Near Northeast anti-poverty program, last month won substantial gains in overdue elections forced upon incumbent officials unwilling to hold them. The faction ousted Clarence Wildridge as chairman of the CIC's Citizens' Advisory Council and elected a new CIC board of directors which will probably select a new chairman to replace Elmer Geathers, who has been head of the group.

The elections were a major victory for Melvin Jackson, director of the CIC, who had been under heavy fire from the old officials of the CIC and CAC, led by Wildridge and Geathers.

The results also increase chances of ending the months of bickering and feuding within the Near NE program. As one of those involved put it: "I think we are all exhausted from fighting each other." Newly-elected officials promised a return to democratic rule and a more hospitable attitude towards individuals and groups wishing to become involved in the program.

(For a background report on the events leading up to the election, see story below.)

The CIC delegate assembly elected 30 new board members June 26. Leroy Johnson, who had worked actively to get elections held, emerged as the biggest vote getter of the evening. He assumed the role of temporary chairman until new officers could be elected at the July CIC board meeting. It appears that Johnson and Mrs. Wilhelmina Payne are the leading contenders for the post of permanent chairman.

Several anti-Jackson board members

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Background Report

Personality, Not Substance, Created NE Poverty Feud

AN increasingly bitter battle has rocked the Near Northeast poverty program. The issues involved are complex and include many intertwined political and personality factors. The substance of the local anti-poverty effort has not been at issue although its effectiveness has been seriously hurt by the feuding.

At the heart of the conflict is a power struggle between the faction that has controlled the program from its start and a faction which has attempted to gain control.

The dissident faction has charged that incumbent officials in the poverty program have acted in a dictatorial and secret fashion, have delayed scheduled elections, have actively discouraged full community participation in the program, and have failed to hear staff

complaints. This faction has aimed its fire at Melvin Moore, assistant staff director of the program; the executive committee of the Community Improvement Corporation (the non-profit community agency that runs local anti-poverty activities); and the leadership of the Citizens' Advisory Council, which advises the CIC on the conduct of the program.

The faction that has been in power is sharply critical of staff director Melvin Jackson (whom it has wished to replace with Moore), claims that non-existent groups have been used to bolster the power of the dissidents, and writes off staff complaints as the gripes of slackards who dislike being forced to produce.

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FREE PERMITS are now available from the Recreation Dept. for tennis, volleyball, and badminton courts, horseshoe pits, archery ranges, park picnic areas, and sports fields. Locations and rules are all on the permit itself. Picnic permits are issued for specific times and places in Rock Creek, Ft. Dupont, Barnard Hill, Bunker Hill, Ft. Totten and other smaller parks.

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East of the Dome

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PETER GLICKERT, 140 12th SE, is circulating a petition asking Congress to name the square where South Carolina Avenue crosses the 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue after Eleanor Roosevelt. A bill to name the square was filed May 8 and is presently in the House District Committee.

ANOTHER PETITION has been filed, this one by the Senior Citizens Council of Kentucky Courts to D. C. Transit, asking that the present B2 bus route be re-routed so as to serve better the community between 8th Street and the Anacostia. Presently this line runs along the edge of this area and detours into the D.C. Hospital grounds. In addition to filling what the Council called a "blank space" on the bus map, its letter pointed out that "This re-routing could easily mean that fewer buses and drivers will be required to serve this line."

THE COMMUNITY LAUNDRIES has been re-funded by the United Planning Organization.

COMPLAINTS FROM area residents apparently encouraged a Washington tavern entrepreneur to give up his plan for a go-go joint in the 600 block of Penna. Ave. SE.

Newly elected officers to board of Community Improvement Corp.: L. Adams, J. Block, Mrs. A. Brown, L. Bullock, Rev. J. Caldwell, Mrs. E. Collins, Mrs. C. Connely, Mrs. C. Farrar, Mrs. K. Faulkner, Mrs. M. V. Ford, Mrs. L. Scott, E. Geathers, B. Hyman, Mrs. L. Goodwin, L. Johnson, S. Taylor, R. Lee, A. M. Long, Mrs. C. Mayo, F. Milner, Mrs. H. Mims, Mrs. W. Payne, Mrs. C. Potter, R. Prince, Bishop R. H. Prince, Rev. N. Rhinehart, R. Robinson, W. Stratton, Mrs. R. Wills, Mrs. N. Winters, Mrs. D. B. Wood.

Newly elected officers of the Citizens' Advisory Council to the Community Improvement Corp.: Chairman, Frank Milner; first vice president, Mrs. Daisy Powell; second vice president, Aaron Long; recording secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline Bryant; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice Bruce; treasurer, Bishop R. H. Prince; delegate to the CIC, Mrs. Columbia Scott; delegates to the Metropolitan Citizens' Advisory Council, Moses Bishop, Mrs. Mary Homes, Leroy Johnson, Frank Milner, Saul Taylor.

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LORNA McCARTHY views one of her sculptures during the opening of the Market Gallery last month. The Market Gallery, 313 7th SE, is run by Richard Hall and Ron Applegate.

Summer cont'd.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASSES: At Eliot.

EASTERN HIGH will hold classes in art, science, clerical and retailing as well as a summer school for junior high students and enrichment classes in all subjects.

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS: In Near NE--

St. Benedict the Moor Church, 320 21st NE.

Goding School, 9th & F NE

Hospitality House, 507 Fla Ave. NE Logan School, 3rd & G NE Christ Child House, 608 Mass. NE Ingram Memorial Church, 10th & Mass. In Near SE--

Brent, Payne, Watkins, Van Ness & Lenox Schools.

Arthur Capper Project.

YOUTH CENTERS: In Near NE--

St. Benedict's Church

Near Northeast CIC: 1335 H NE, 11th & H NE, 24th & Benning Rd. NE, 1000 block of Bladensburg Rd. NE, 4th & G NE.

Ingram Memorial Church, 10th & Mass. NE.

Christ Child House, 608 Mass. NE

In Near SE--

Friendship House, 609 D SE

Eastern Branch Boy's Club, 17th & Pa. SE

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Near NE CIC

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200 block Parker St.

In Near SE:

10th & G SE

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SKILL WORKSHOPS: In Near NE at Eliot and Stuart Jr. High, St. Benedict's Church, Rosedale Playground, Sherwood Playground and Peabody Elementary School.

In Near SE at 334 S. C. SE, 17th & Penna SE (Boy's Club), Hine Jr. High and St. Monica's Church.

TEEN CENTERS: At St. Patrick's Church, Teen Mobilization Center and Mt. Paran Baptist Church.

DAY CAMPS: Ingram Congregational and Keller Memorial Lutheran Churches will hold a day camp this summer for 120 area children. The camp will run until August 4, five days a week. The cost is two dollars a day, but scholarships have been contributed, equaling at this writing well over \$500. Donations may still be made by calling 546-4456.

THE GROUP MINISTRY of Capitol East plans to spend over \$36,000 on its summer program which will include activities for 150 children ages 11-15. The youths will operate in decentralized groups of ten under a counsellor. Among the events scheduled are dance, drama, art and craft, basketball and volleyball, and swimming trips. The leaders of the program are also negotiating for the use of a farm in Leesburg, Va., for field trips. Those participating are the Church of the Reformation, Capitol Hill Presbyterian, St. Mark's Episcopal, Capitol Hill Methodist, and St. Cecilia's School. For information call 544-9513.

THE ATONEMENT HOUSE Activities Center, 1330 G NE, will have a daytime program for elementary children (5-10) which will include "crafts, story time, reading, singing, games, etc." For older children (11-16) the center has planned a reading and discussion club, classes on the use of tools, a girls club, a toastmasters club, and a sewing class. There will also be a Boy Scout Troop organized. Catholic religious instruction and discussion will take place at the center for all age groups. Registration for all these programs will take place July 5 and 6 at the center.

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Cross-Country Bikers Visit DC

CAPITOL EAST had a couple of unexpected guests last month, as two bicyclists arrived from California on their way to New York. The cyclists, Allen Floodman, 36, and his fiancee, Dean Kemp, 24, had been on the road since April 13 when they left San Bernardino, California.

The couple arrived in town the evening of June 10. They met a reporter, James Sterba of the *Star*, who invited them to shower and sleep at his Capitol East home. The couple then spent two and a half days sightseeing and resting before moving on.

What does one take on a cross-country bike hike? This pair took 130 pounds of gear on their 20" Sears Tote-Cycles including: two sleeping bags, a 6' x 8' tent, two tarps, Coleman stove, snake-bite kit, two air mattresses, pistol, mess kit, about four changes of clothing and several other items. Cost: \$70 each for the bikes, \$150 for the gear (except pistol) plus the cost of daily groceries.



Why did they decide to go on the hike? No real answer to this question was forthcoming, except that they were just changing jobs, getting married and moving to Orange County (Calif.), and they felt like doing it. They have never cycled much before.

Would they cycle back, or do this again? No, they didn't have the time. But it has been great, both physically and in getting to know each other better, and they would keep the bicycles for evening rides. They commented on what great shape they were now in (they climbed the monument without even panting) and how they felt "simply great."

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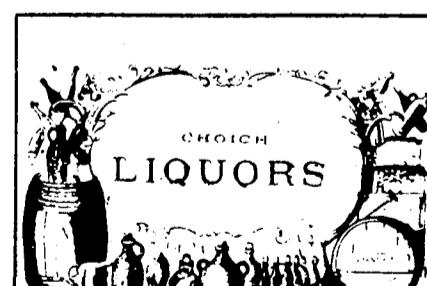
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Eastern High Graduates 570

EASTERN High School celebrated its seventy-third commencement on June 14 with the graduation of some 570 seniors. Senior Class President Calvin A. Holloway presided and Irving B. Yochelson of the Board of Education spoke. Joseph R. Edwards gave the valedictory.

Before Yochelson made his speech, Principal Madison Tignor presented the awards and Deputy Superintendent John Reicks presented the scholarships. In his presentation of the scholarships, Reicks, who is an alumnus of Eastern, commented the large number of awards made by community businesses and organizations. He referred particularly to the award of two \$25 Bonds by the Easterner Delicatessen.

Yochelson's speech drew upon two commencement addresses he had heard while attending the graduation of one son from law school and another from MIT. The first of these speeches argued that Americans had forgotten their tradition of laws and their great heritage; and the second suggested that the statue of Liberty should have another element to it--a statue of Responsibility facing the American people.

Valedictorian Joseph Edwards talked primarily of "perseverance and sacrifice toward a worthwhile goal." He stated that the concept of violence has become more prevalent, taking the form of race riots, and called for "greater awareness of the American heritage" and such things as the First Amendment which "we so often take for granted." He also talked of the virtue of standing for the right in the face of mob feeling of wrong. He referred to our military stand in Southeast Asia as such a "gallant standing up for the right." He ended with a plea for moral courage and intellectual curiosity, combined with unselfish dedication and devotion.

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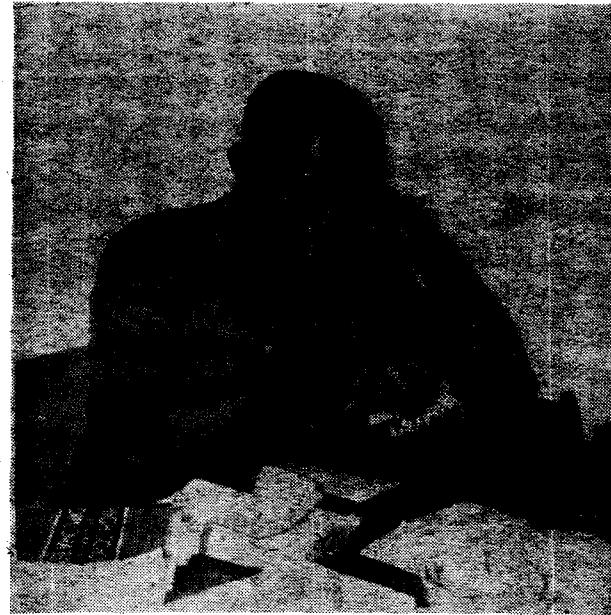
At age thirty-seven he owns a suitcase of clothes, a bundle of papers and a scattering of tattered books. "But I've got myself," he added, clenching the air with a firm, locked fist. "At last I've got myself."

The short happy life of Raymond Smith began two years ago after his release from Lorton Reformatory. Before that he had taken the route of the eagles, flying high on ten-dollar dope, soaring in and out of jail on narcotics charges until he crashed for good into the brash solitude of Lorton Barracks. He emerged in 1965 with the unsalable title of parolee, knocked in and out of employment agencies with their interminable forms and "Unt-uh, no addicts," until he felt himself slipping again into that cool, cruel grip of the old notch--the runabout friends, the desolate midnight streets, the harsh censure of narcotic needles.

"But then I met a real friend, you see, a guy who said there was a way out and if I wanted to take it, he would assist me." His friend was a social worker whose door had no lock. "He said just come into his office and sit around when I had nothing to do. He showed me he cared. He gave me a second chance."

Second Chance, by the way, was the name of an organization the social worker, Jim Wallace, had spawned for just such men as Raymond. It provided ex-convicts with what they needed to get another wing at par: a job, work bond, transportation, a pint. Within a short time Raymond Smith left the ranks of the unemployed and soon after became president of Second Chance.

But that was twelve years after it all began. "A man don't forget a third of his life, you know." He fidgeted nervously, hooking his arm over the chair and tracing formless pictures with cigarette smoke as he talked. In the fifties, in the fast-buck, pool-side, race-car fifties, Raymond Smith was a man who was thinking of big things. Born in a depression, nurtured on a war economy and just back from twenty-one months on a hot hill in Korea, there had to be something more than living in the crags of Southwest D. C. and driving a bulldozer like his daddy. The new chrome-caked cars with that naugahide smell, flashy rags, good drink and good times--all a man needed was money and, hell, anyone knows a GS-3 won't make enough to keep this and a wife and two kids going too. So he began looking around for extra income, not Christmas cards or high school at home, but something fast and big, like... well, like the stuff his friends were pushing. Dope, in a word, drugs, narcotics,



RAYMOND
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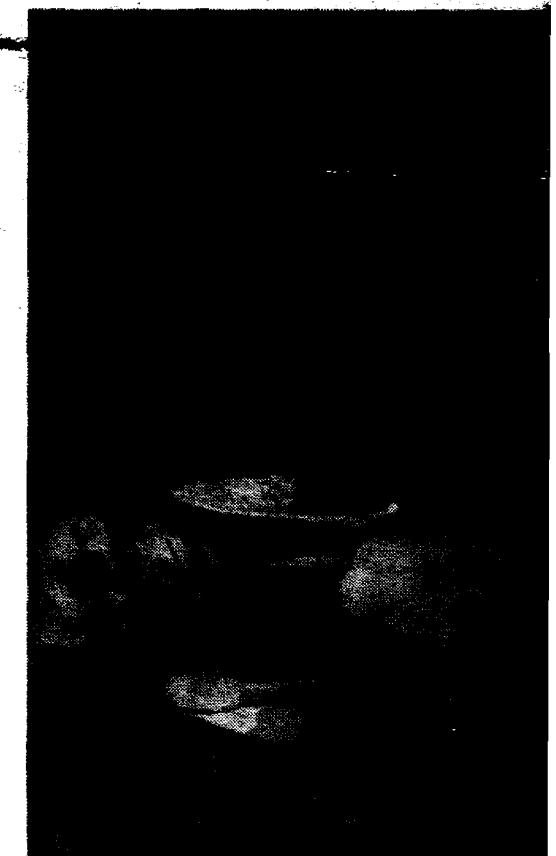
hops, drops or weed--by any label, quick, mean and lucrative. The right corner, the right time, a nod, a smoke, a handshake and you both slipped apart, innocuous as mice, your wallet full of green and your customer with enough venom to steady him until tomorrow. Of course you had to stay clean of taking the stuff yourself. And for a while he did. "Not me, Baby," when his friends tempted, "can't mix business and pleasure. I'd eat up the profits." Except they began to twist, "Man, what you're missin'," but that was nothing, and turn, "Ain't you with us?" but he held on; until he began thinking that maybe a man ought to know his product--no, can't do it, but it was a dare, and maybe just once, but no, and well, and... and then one night late after work, high in the halls of a two-story stack of lumber called a friend's house he was lowering his fixed, firm twenty-three year old arm, clutching that knotted fist until the veins stood out and throbbed hungrily; and then, it was then, so easily that the slip of steel slid into his skin like pudding and "Man," his arm began to shudder, "you are hooked!"

Hooked. That was a word that didn't have much meaning in the fall of 1953. But it began to take on meaning when he was using the needle four times a day, squeezing all he earned into his arm; when he tried to kick it but it hurt and he couldn't make it; when finally he went to a doctor and the doctor reported him and he lost his job; when the money was gone and the door slammed behind his wife and children; and when, three years later, two men in pressed suits and polite ash ties approached him at the corner of Fourth and I Southwest and said something about a narcotics squad.

He entered when Eisenhower was pondering a second term and emerged a decade and two presidents later, the nation well into another war and Raymond Smith feeling just as belligerent and uncertain inside. But he had done

some reading while in confinement and converted to Moslem ("a beautiful concept of unity which accepted all races long before the Supreme Court did"). And he no longer was so possessed with material values ("In the institution I learned to do without.") That's when he met Wallace and that's when the both of them began the resurrection of Raymond Smith.

He shifted in his chair, relaxing a little and cracking a quick timid smile beneath the frazzle of moustache that lined his lip. A scar on his nose wrinkled with laughter as he talked of his contentment these days. "I hope to finish high school--if I can pass math--and then go on to study problems of



PETER PETTUS POTS IN PATIO: Peter Pettus -- Capitol East photographer and ceramic artist -- works on pots in patio behind the Emporium, 305 Penna. SE. Pettus has a ceramic studio in Alexandria equipped with five kilns

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narcotic addiction. I guess I feel it's my job to try to help others who are in the boat I once was."

Five nights a week he is in meetings --Area 16 Neighborhood Planning Council, Second Chance Club, EFEC (Effort from Exconvicts), Noitcidda (addiction spelled backwards), Control (a group of cooperating doctors and addicts) and Bond-a-Bond (assists in bonding ex-convicts). He has held a major office in three of these and is an active member of all. During the daylight hours he is employed as a neighborhood organizer by Friendship House.

"The best thing I can do for a young man on drugs who feels there is no hope is to say 'Look at me.' He held out two thick arms gnawed from shoulder to knuckle with the bites of a thousand needles. "It does him good to see someone who has been through it and pulled through it."

Smith actually feels that drug addiction is not a crime, but a sickness. He sides with a recent medical report sent to the U. S. Court of Appeals here in Washington stating that under present provisions, "a sick person who needs hospital care is instead branded as a criminal and sent to prison." The doctor who reported Smith was required to do so by law. But Raymond is not bitter. "I made a mistake, some bad decisions, and have paid for them."

"What the community really needs," he continued, now leaning forward and gesturing with his hands enthusiastically, "is to allow the addict a chance to prove himself. He needs a meaningful job and maybe a center where he can talk with doctors and

meet friends. I suppose," he said, settling back, his pinched forehead relaxing, "I am asking society to take a risk on the addict. Somebody took a risk on me."

Raymond's childhood home in Southwest Washington has been scraped away and bricked over with a tidy, expensive town house. He now lives in Southeast Washington with his parents in a town house that is not so tidy or expensive; but it is owned, free of liens, by his father, and it has been for sixteen years. His father is a proud man, very firm and very sure, burly though wizened and with eyes soon to be swallowed into a nest of wrinkles. But for now his eyes are bronze and steady and at age fifty-seven he rises every morning at five and drives an eight-ton bulldozer over stone and mud hills, remaking the face of Washington.

In the evenings, in the thick, stodgy, exhausted summer evenings, while the last buff of day and the first breath of night are meeting in a whispered mauve glow, if Ray is free and his father off work, they sometimes stand in the scratch of a dirt yard in front of their gray brick house and talk under a maple tree. All around them is a cacophony of neighborhood noises, the banter of a choked city, a belch from the petroleum plant behind their home, the resigned moan of the Pennsylvania Railroad diesel nearby as it moves out with the evening express.

But they are just talking, not really hearing these noises, the father motioning with his broad oak arms as he talks, stirring the dusty evening air, the son pawing the earth youthfully, rubbing a bowl in the dirt and joking, both of them smoking and staring out blankly at the river of automobiles and human beings that flow constantly by in front of them. They talk for a good while, about the past, about a neighbor, a job, about things quite apart from the good or bad a man has done; these two men with a century of experience between them, the one stout but aging, slightly pear-shaped with a greying crown, having caused the other, thirty-seven years before, to be brought into the world as a small glistening child; and now that other standing beside him, leaning on an old wire fence, tight-skinned and still fresh looking with a deep ebony glow across his burnished brow. And they talk until the sky has grown dim and the last smear of light is dozing on their faces, their conversation now having dropped into a trickle and then into a silent seance that only they can share. Standing there, two men, in a dirt yard, by a brick house, in a lost corner of this nation's capitol, standing there in the now settling noise of a summer city, quietly, prayerfully,

though in the presence of some small chapel, with only the alternating glow of their cigarettes making any exchange. It is then that they are very far away from Lorton Barracks or Fourth and I Streets or a certain mistake in 1953.

One of them turns toward their leaning grey shelter and then the other turns and they both walk up the sidewalk. They cross over the worn welcome mat and pass through the bent aluminum door, leaving behind the night and another of the thousand hours of talking about nothing in particular that fathers and sons always talk about.

ELECTIONS - Cont'd
survived the election including Geathers. Also reelected was Mrs. Catherine Mayo, who has led opposition to the Geathers-Wildridge bloc.

The week prior to the CIC election, the CAC held its election despite chairman Wildridge's ruling that it was illegal. When he refused to conduct the vote, nearly the entire assembly literally turned their backs on him by twisting their chairs around and proceeded to elect Frank Milner as their new chairman.

Still in doubt at the end of June was the fate of Melvin Moore, assistant director of CIC. Jackson is known to want Moore fired and many of those who won office last month side with Jackson.

(For a full list of newly elected officers, see page 2.)

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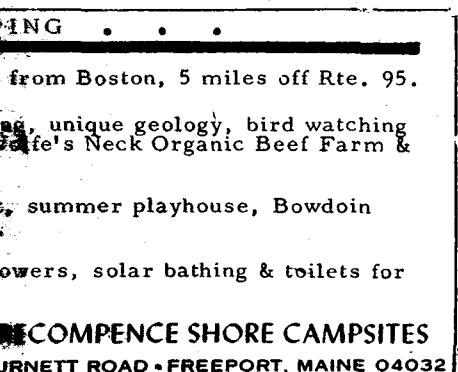
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Northeast Poverty Feud - Cont'd

Among the points in contention have been these:

--Delays in scheduled election of officers of the CIC board and of the CAC, as well as of delegates to the Metropolitan Citizens' Advisory Council (which advises the city-wide poverty program). Disputes over by-laws and membership qualifications have been some of the reasons given by incumbent officers for the delays. But critics charge that the incumbents postponed elections in an attempt to bolster their power position.

--Charges by one faction against Jackson and charges by another faction against Moore, his assistant.

--The existence of several sets of by-laws each prescribing a different number of members for the board of the CIC.

--Arguments over the selection and qualification of members.

--The manner in which staff complaints against Moore were handled.

--The employment on the poverty program staff of immediate relatives of two members of the CIC board.

--The overlapping in leadership of the CIC board and the CAC.

--Missing minutes.

--The use of a staff member (Moore) as secretary pro-tem of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (because the elected secretary did not wish to take minutes) and disputes over the minutes that resulted.

--The failure of the CIC board members to be notified of meetings.

--Charges that the executive committee of the CIC had usurped the power of the full CIC board and had acted without reference to the board.

Although deeply involved in the controversy, Jackson only recently jumped publicly into the fray. At a CIC board meeting on June 8, Jackson warned that "there have developed some practices which do not seem good for the healthy development of the CIC and which seem to be working against the best interests of the program we are trying to conduct." He charged CIC executive committee chairman Elmer Geathers with having an "unhealthy influence" on CIC matters and stated that the executive committee had been acting in a "manner that has restricted the effect of the board."

He proposed several changes in CIC practices including making all actions of the executive committee subject to review by the full board, establishing a grievance committee, enlarging the membership committee, removing from the CIC board any person having immediate relatives working on the staff, and creating a new grievance committee to rehear those staff complaints against Moore which had been dismissed last May by the executive committee sitting as a grievance committee.

Jackson displayed strong support within the full board as it voted approval of each of his proposals with the exception of the last, which Geathers ruled out of order (saying it would place Moore in "double jeopardy"). Although there was vehement protest against his ruling, there was, in the confusion, no effort to overrule his decision, which came minutes before a predetermined adjournment time of 10:30 p.m. At 10:31 p.m. the meeting broke up in chaos.

The executive committee thereafter continued to press its war with Jackson. Jackson claims that members of the

committee have threatened him repeatedly with loss of his job, but that such threats did not bother him. The committee was also known to be compiling a list of charges against Jackson, including his alleged failure to report important information to the executive committee and his handling of a fund-raising project.

A strange interlude in the controversy occurred June 15 when anonymous telegrams arrived at the Washington Post and the Star from New Hampshire announcing a news conference that morning at which CAC chairman Clarence Wildridge and CIC chairman Geathers would detail charges against Jackson. Wildridge and Geathers denied any knowledge of the cable, although they later did release charges against Jackson.

Jackson described the Near NE feud as a case of the "increasing impetus of the 'outs' to want in" and "a group wanting to hold their 'in' status."

In a recent interview, Jackson was asked why he had abandoned his previously passive public position in the controversy. He replied:

"It is not my role to take sides but to organize activities and to help people. My role is not one of trying to have strong power but to develop strong power. I remained true to my role as a community organizer until they were getting ready to hurt themselves. If this crisis were resolved I would revert to my role as impartial organizer."

The controversy over Moore began to gain momentum last April when the executive committee heard the complaints of more than a dozen staff workers against the assistant director. The committee subsequently issued a report which read in part:

"The following findings were made after hearing the verbal testimony of the complainants and the response of the assistant director.

"(1) That only two or three of the complaints filed were of a serious nature and most of the remaining were very similar and of a band-wagon character (joining in complaining because co-workers were making complaints), and complaints which were capable of being

resolved easily; (2) there appeared to be a lack of enthusiasm for the program by the complainants; (3) that the evident lack of productiveness was the apparent motive for the assistant director's actions; (4) that a lack of positive direction and leadership was clearly evident; (5) that there is a need for the establishment of individual job responsibility; (6) that the major problem underlying the overall situation lies at the supervisory level; and (7) that the assistant director's manners of approach has been interpreted as being a contributing factor to the low morale of the staff."

Jackson, at the June 8 meeting, clearly indicated that he felt the investigation had been inadequate. He stated the executive committee had failed to follow formal procedures required under poverty program regulations, that "several of the complainants said that they were treated as though they were on trial," and that there had been a "considerable lowering of the morale of the staff." Two staff members, he stated, had resigned and several others were wavering.

Many of the peripheral issues that have fed the controversy have grown out of the overlapping of responsibilities and interests. Thus there one finds individuals who have exercised power both in the CIC and the citizens council set up to advise the CIC. One finds a staff member taking minutes for a group which must oversee the operations of the staff. One finds a staff member screening memberships to bodies that may ultimately affect his power position.

Other issues have blossomed from administrative inadequacies. The existence of conflicting by-laws, for example, appears due more to administrative carelessness than to evil intent.

The feud has caused intense bitter feelings among community leaders in Near NE. Many on both sides admit that the effectiveness of the CIC as an organization and the success of its job--the war on poverty--has been seriously hampered by the controversy.

One of the few understatement heard during the entire dispute came from Hal

Witt, acting director of the United Planning Organization, the District's anti-poverty chief. Asked whether his agency was aware of the problems in Near NE, Witt replied:

"We understand they're having discussions."

A.I.A. Condemns Library Plans

Plans for the new Madison Memorial Library annex to the Library of Congress have been criticized by the American Institute of Architects, but it was hard to say who was criticized most--Congress or Capitol Architect George Stewart.

It turns out that Congress asked for the impossible: it requested a building with 1,700,000 square feet of floor area for the site east of the Cannon House Office Building, but said that the building should be in a "park-like" setting.

Because the building was limited in height (it must be lower than the cornice line of the Capitol), Stewart had no alternative (except telling Congress he couldn't do it) but to sacrifice the park-like setting, have no grand lobbies or halls, and build the structure with 9-1/2 foot ceilings. The result, according to the American Institute of Architects--which was charged by Congress to oversee the planning--was an "overpowering" and "inhuman" building.

In fact, the A.I.A. reported that the present plans called for a building no more park-like than the Cannon Building. The A.I.A. stated that it hoped Congress would exercise a little more foresight and reason in future building requests.

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--CIC Director Melvin Jackson to the CIC Board, June 8.

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"Mrs. Mayo felt that all people should be allowed to speak. Mr. Geathers stated that it was not legal for non-members to participate. Mrs. Mayo then asked, 'Who are the members?' Mr. Geathers stated that we were going to establish definitely the answer to this question."

--Minutes of CIC Board meeting, May 11.

"I don't play politics with the poor people. I made the first effort to bring this program to Near NE and I can exert enough pressure to do what I want, chairman or not."

--Clarence Wildridge, chairman of CAC, May 30.

"The meeting was held on the above date with Mr. Swain presiding. As a background he reviewed the Annual Assembly of Delegates which was not held because there was no quorum, and questions concerning the By-Laws, missing minutes and the fact that the Executive Committee minutes were not available."

--Minutes of the CIC Special Guideline and By-Laws Committee, May 25.

"Calm the tempest, bridle tongues and govern our thoughts."

--Prayer offered by Bishop R. H. Prince at CIC meeting, June 8.

"I wonder why these matters are not brought to the full board until there is a crisis like this and then we're allowed to peep in. We are intentionally kept in the dark."

--Mrs. Catherine Mayo, CIC Board member, June 8.

"The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are: (A) To provide an instrument through which citizens of the Near Northeast area of Washington, D.C., may work together toward the achievement of community improvement."

--Articles of Incorporation of the CIC.

"If you plan to come into this group with nothing but good intentions, you're going to get your head bashed in."

--CIC Board member.

The Swampoodle Papers

A NEW START IN NORTHEAST: With the holding of long overdue elections in the Near NE poverty program, that program hopefully can get back to its business: building a better and better off community in Near NE. Both factions must share the blame for the ceaseless bickering that has taken place. Fortunately there are signs of a willingness to end the family quarrel and to get to work again. There is, however, one problem that must be solved immediately by the new board of the Community Improvement Corporation. The conflict between CIC director Melvin Jackson and assistant director Melvin Moore can only hurt the program if it is allowed to continue. It is hard to see how this problem can be resolved short of removing one or the other from office. While the administration of Jackson has not been as aggressive as many in the community would like, he should be given a chance to work with the new board and should be given the freedom to choose an assistant director with whom he is sympathetic.

THE GARFIELD PARK AFFAIR: There has been in progress, for several weeks, a lengthy and acrimonious dispute between various members of the community and the National Park Service over the placement of the new Mexican playground equipment in Garfield Park. There is one clear moral in this argument: much of the problem could have been avoided had the National Park Service consulted all interested parties prior to installation. This is not what was done and as a result an unnecessarily bitter hassle developed.

WRIGHT'S RIGHT: Judge Wright in his recent decision on de facto segregation in the District schools has told it like it is. He has proposed certain remedies to ease the unconstitutional and deplorable situation in this city's school system. But such remedies are not likely to be truly effective as long as the schools are run by the very creator of many of the discriminatory practices ruled unconstitutional. Carl Hansen's contract should never have been renewed and in view of this most recent accurate and serious indictment of his policies, the Board of Education should demand his resignation.

THE BEAUTY BEAT: The Halprin Plan for Capitol East is still hanging fire for lack of funds. One project, however, that is set, thanks to a \$20,000 grant from Mrs. Douglas Dillon is the improvement of the area around Kingsman School.

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Shop Talk

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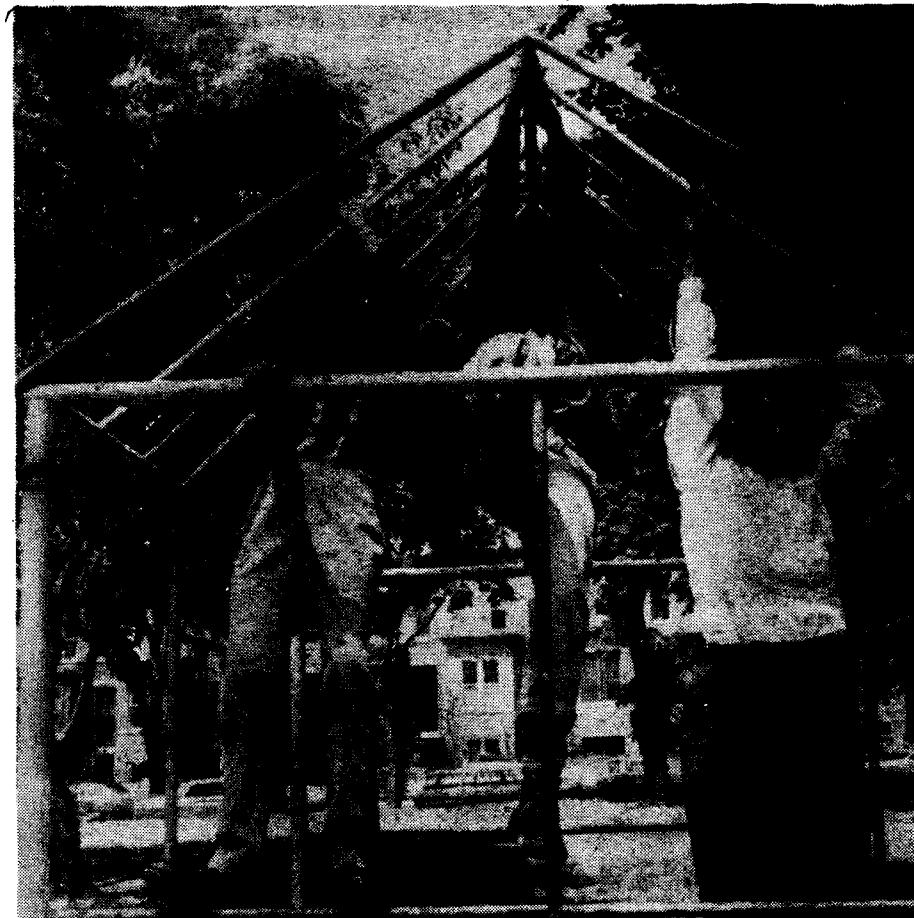
IT'S getting so that many women can no longer call their hair their own--and, moreover, they're glad of it. Wigs and hairpieces, the cause of this lovely revolution, have come a long way in recent years. They are now manufactured in an apparently endless assortment of lengths, styles and colors, can be as conservative and invisible or as flamboyant and attention-getting as desired, and are sold everywhere, often in the most unlikely places. With all due respect to the businesslike desire of, say, dress merchants to outfit their customers from head to toe, it is still wiser to purchase a hairpiece through a beauty salon, where the experts are.

Prices of hairpieces at FRANCOIS OF CAPITOL HILL (636 Pennsylvania Ave. SE) begin at \$50 and rise to the heady heights one can expect from a manufacturer like Oleg Cassini, whose line M. Francois carries. (He also stocks less well-known, but perfectly adequate, brands manufactured in France and Spain. These account for the lower-end . . . for as little as \$39.95 and for no more

of the price scale.) All his pieces, however, are made of 100 percent human hair, a hallmark of quality in this field.

M. Francois spends a great deal of time with the woman who is venturing into this field of feminine fakery. He categorizes her natural hair in one of fourteen basic color groups, looks for the up-to seventeen shades that, he says, are intermingled in the average head, and orders the style they have determined is useful for her needs in one of hundreds of variations on the original fourteen colors. Afterward he will wash, style and pamper the hairpiece as often as necessary, which is a good deal less frequently than hair that is always on the head. Five skilled beauticians can handle either variety.

The hairpieces are domestic, and the prices are, therefore, lower at MARGARET'S HOUSE OF BEAUTY (526 H. St. NE). Like those offered by M. Francois, all hairpieces are made of 100 percent human hair, but these sell



THE NEW MEXICAN PLAYGROUND equipment recently installed in Garfield Park was formally received and dedicated on June 17. Here two youths are shown trying it out. The short ceremony was accompanied by a variety of entertainment, including two marching bands, (the Southeast Tigers and the Knights Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps), two fire trucks, a karate exhibition, a canine corps demonstration, and sundry games for the kids. Meanwhile, the controversy between local citizens and government officials over the placement of the equipment continues.

than about \$100. Like its Southeast counterpart, the shop Margaret Hudley has operated on H Street for eleven years offers a complete range of services for the hair, permanent or detachable.

A few blocks up H Street, BERGER'S, a veteran lady's clothing store (it has been at 807 H St. NE for more than twenty years), is in the midst of its annual July sale. With summer many long hot days away from becoming autumn, it's a good opportunity to add to one's lightweight wardrobe at agreeably lightweight prices.

Filling up the racks as quickly as summer merchandise disappears is Berger's collection of knits for fall. The store carries, among other well-known manufacturers, knits by Jonathan Logan, Kay Winter and Butte Knit. The lingerie department has slips tailored in the non-cling fabrics that should be worn under knits. Also in this area of the store is an assortment of hose that includes all-too-rare larger-sizes, up to 13 in fact.



Until THE PATIO opened shop across from Eastern Market on 7th St. SE, Capitol Hill gardeners had to commute to buy supplies, and a good many lazy days were gained on the basis of this excuse. This handy out has been out since May when The Patio took over a vacant lot and turned it into a lovely in-city garden spot. Hal Miller, one of its three, young owners, attended Cornell's School of Agriculture and offers, as a free extra, friendly advice to help the most purple-thumbed among us to turn his plot of ground into an oasis.

For the Hill's tiny gardens, The Patio stocks many dwarf shrubs that reproduce in miniature the clean-cut lines of evergreens such as, for instance, Norwegian spruce. Full-sized shrubs include spreading yews, popular on the steep slopes so many Hill houses have. Pottery designed for use indoors or out is found here at delightfully reasonable prices, and patio furniture (concrete benches and birdbaths) is carried as well. Since its owners all work at other jobs, The Patio is open only evenings Monday through Friday, 6 to 8:30. On Saturday it is open from 9 to 7 and on Sunday from noon to 6.

There's almost always a crowd about the window of the SOUTHEAST PET SHOP (631 Pennsylvania Ave. SE), and with good reason. Roger Reinhardt's store is no ordinary pet shop. Oh, there are dogs and cats, parakeets and goldfish, guinea pigs and hamsters aplenty, but one is as likely to find ocelots, skunks, raccoons, exotic birds, rare tropical fish and snakes as the more common domestic pets. Monkeys are, without doubt, the most popular occupants of the weather-conditioned front show window. Although turnover is constant and quick (Mr. Reinhardt sells many animals to zoos, to dealers and to other pet shops), there is always certain to be fifteen to twenty monkeys somewhere about and, most likely, a friendly, albeit mischievous, chimpanzee. It's not hard to imagine how Spanky, the eighteen-month-old chimp in residence came by his name. Probably the most unusual animal Mr. Reinhardt has had during the shop's seven years on Capitol Hill are the penguins he traded to a bird dealer. Less exotic pets are always in stock, with supplies for them as well.

Capitol Hill is poorer by one antique shop since Sally Jones of the THIRD HAND SHOP went underground to join the staff of Rep. William Ayres (R-OHIO). Her building at 323 7th St. SE will be occupied by a real estate office.

Capitol East Calendar

JULY

3 BASEBALL: PAYNE V. HINE (14-15) at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 5:00 p. m.

BASEBALL: RANDALL V. WATKINS (14-15) at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 7:30 p. m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS: Concert: Navy Band. On steps of Capitol. 8:00 p. m.

TUESDAYS: Summer film program for children (ages 8-12) at NE Branch Library, Maryland and 7th NE; 10:30 Starts July 11.

Summer Read-In for Young Adults, 7:30-9:00 p. m. NE Branch Library, Maryland and 7th NE.

Concert: Air Force Band. On steps of Capitol. 8:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAYS: Summer film program for children (ages 8-12) at SE Branch Library, 7th and D SE; 10:30. Starts July 12th.

Concert: Marine Band. On steps of Capitol. 8:00 p. m.

THURSDAYS: Summer Read-Aloud, NE Branch Library, Md. and 7th NE, 4:30 p. m.

Summer Read-In for Young Adults. (See "TUESDAYS")

FRIDAYS: Marine Concert and Parade, at Marine Barracks, 8th and I SE. 8:30 p. m.

4 MARDI GRAS. Capper Playground 5th and K SE, all afternoon and under the lights. Carnival booths, etc.

5 BASEBALL: WATKINS V. BRENT (13 and under), at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 7:30 p. m.

BASEBALL: TYLER V. VA. (13 and under) at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 5:00 p. m.

BASEBALL: HINE V. PAYNE (13 and under) at Payne Playground, 15th and C SE; 5:00 p. m.

BASEBALL: RANDALL V. LENOX (13 and under) at Capper, 5th and K SE; 7:30 p. m.

REGISTRATION: for summer programs at Atonement House (Ages 5-16) 1330 G NE; 10-12 a. m. and 8-9 p. m. (See story on Page 1)

6 REGISTRATION continues at the Atonement House for summer programs. 10-12 a. m. and 8-9 p. m.

7 BASEBALL: HINE V. TYLER (13 and under) at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 7:30 p. m.

BASEBALL: VA. V. WATKINS (13 and under) at Va. Ave. Playground, 9th and Va. Ave. SE; 5:00.

10 BASEBALL: HINE V. WATKINS (14-15) at Watkins Playground, 12th and E SE; 5:00

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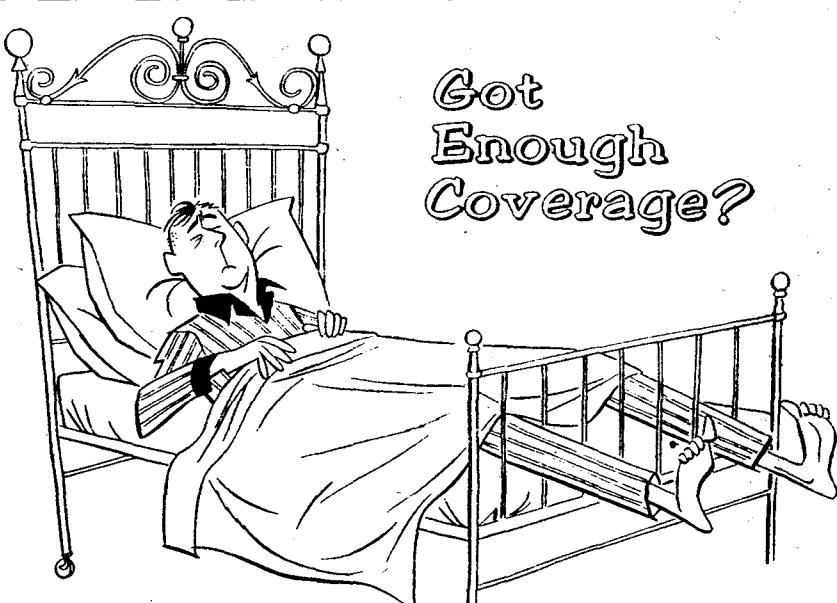
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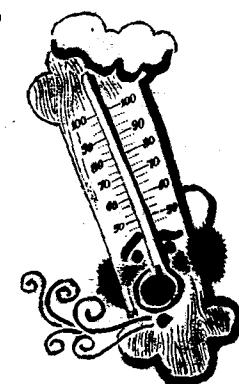
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